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## Tuition hikes overshadow Pell increase

**Benefits for need-based grant could be nullified depending on tuition**

By Joshua Michaels  
Daily Texan Staff

The University's expected tuition hike for the 2010 and 2011 school years and the standard rate of inflation will likely minimize the effects of a proposed increase in Federal Pell Grants, the largest federal need-based grants available to low-income undergraduate and graduate students.

The latest federal budget, presented by President Barack Obama on Monday, plans to deliver a massive infusion of cash into the Department of Education for the 2011 fiscal year. Of the \$77.8 billion earmarked for the Department of Education, almost \$35 billion will be allocated to the Federal Pell Grant Program.

The budget includes a provision that fixes the maximum Pell Grant amount to the U.S. Consumer Price Index plus 1 percentage point. The index establishes the yearly national inflation rate.

By indexing the maximum grant amount to the index, the bill offsets the eroding effect of inflation, said Mark Kantrowitz, publisher of the FinAid Web site and a member of the

editorial board on the Council on Law in Higher Education.

"The new amount isn't taking any great strides forward," Kantrowitz said. "It's maintaining the status quo, but this is still a significant improvement."

At the end of this week, UT President William Powers Jr. will submit a proposal to the UT System Board of Regents recommending a 3.95-percent increase in tuition each year for the next two years.

The average cost of tuition for a Texas-resident undergraduate is currently \$8,930, according to the Office of Management Information and Analysis. The proposal stands to increase tuition to \$9,347 in the 2010-11 school year and \$9,700 by 2011-12. The Regents will vote on the proposal in March.

The budget would raise the maximum Pell grant award from \$5,500 in 2010-11 to \$5,710 in 2011-12. The tentative number of UT students receiving the grant in the 2009-10 academic year was 9,395, according to Billy Bossier, a UT financial aid counselor and Pell Grant specialist. Of those students, nearly half qualified for the maximum amount possible.

"The increase won't make

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## Gas spill triggers evacuation



Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

Lt. Mike Lemerise of the Austin Fire Department stands outside of Robert Lee Moore Hall after a hazardous-materials alarm was triggered at 3 p.m. Wednesday.

### Fire department determines there was no real threat to RLM

By Bobby Longoria  
Daily Texan Staff

Dozens of students and staff members were left in the pouring rain Wednesday afternoon after a gas leak led to a precautionary evacuation of Robert Lee Moore Hall.

More than five Austin Fire Department vehicles responded to a hazardous-materials alarm at 3 p.m. University spokeswoman Rhonda Wel-

don said there was such a high degree of response because the incident occurred in a high-rise building that potentially could have had a large number of people in harm's way.

Weldon said the incident occurred on the second floor of RLM when a small canister containing 5 percent of fluorine gas was dropped inside a vent hood. Although no one was hurt, the student involved

was sent to University Health Services for examination.

About half of the building was evacuated, Weldon said. She said AFD believed that the vent hood likely dispatched the gas but that they would enter the building in order to ensure that it was safe.

"Basically [there was] an abundance of precaution to make sure folks weren't exposed," Weldon said. "These

are research areas, and you have faculty, you have researchers, you have students all working. Everybody is safety-trained. They do the right things when things happen, but things are going to happen."

She said the building would be reopened after AFD cleared the scene of any potential dan-

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## Closing of classes displaces teacher

**Community patrons must look elsewhere for unique cardio, dance instruction**

By Michael Moran  
Daily Texan Staff

Pamela Leighton-Burwell was eating breakfast in her home Monday morning when her husband handed her a story from The Daily Texan about UT's decision to end its informal classes program in August. He said, sincerely, "You're out of a job."

"You can look at it as a very early forced retirement," said Burwell, who teaches a fitness class for the program and was able to reach a rate of \$32 per hour after years of teaching. "I was really kind of sad because I feel that informal classes

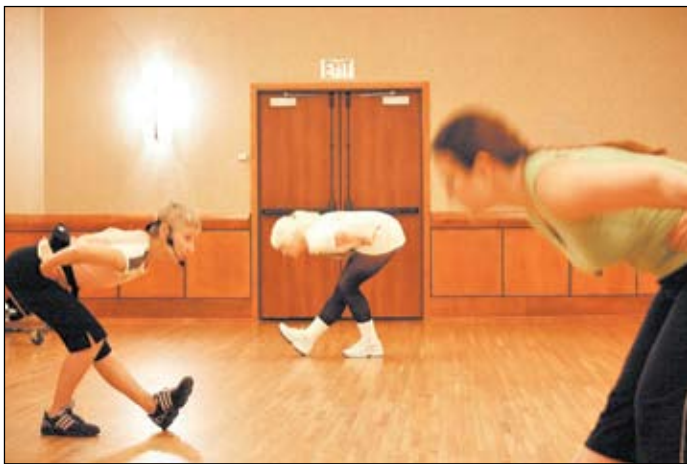
was a significant program in community outreach."

Burwell is one of 191 informal-class instructors being let go as a result of the Texas Union Board's decision, announced Friday, to end the program Aug. 20.

The program, which started in 1971, offers short courses on a variety of subjects ranging from Web site design to anger management. The classes are open to the public, though UT students, faculty, staff and alumni receive a discount, according to the Union Web site. Class participants do not receive grades.

University Unions director Andrew Smith Jr. said he was informed in October that the Union

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Greg Zaragoza | Daily Texan Staff

Pamela Leighton-Burwell, left, instructs the "Cardio Switch at Noon" informal class in the Quadrangle Room at the Union. Some of her cardio students, who include UT faculty and staff, have been attending Union classes for more than 10 years.

## Some outraged, others apathetic over closing of cafe

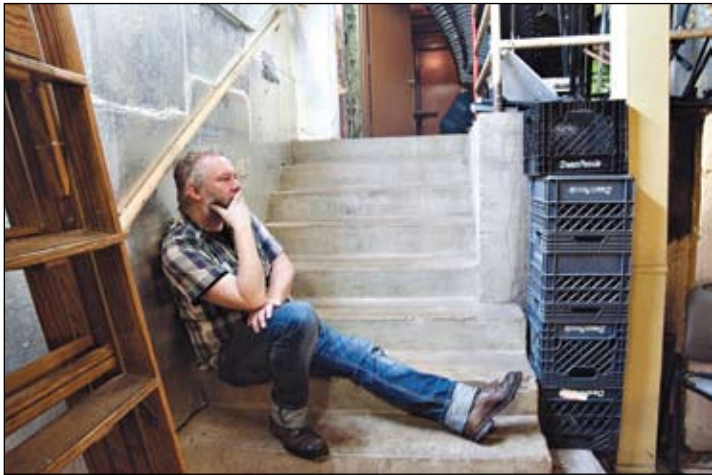
**Decisions concerning venue's fate call forth mixed student reactions**

By Alex Geiser  
Daily Texan Staff

Student reaction to the closing of the Cactus Cafe has ranged from outrage to apathy.

Amid talks of budget cuts, University officials announced Friday that they plan to shut down the cafe by the end of August as a way to save money. Many students and professors vocalized their disapproval Tuesday at President William Powers Jr.'s town hall meeting and at the Student Government meeting.

"They are getting rid of UT history," English sophomore John Espinoza said. "It would be the same as cutting down a tree and saying, 'Oh, budget cuts.'" Espinoza said he had been



Mary Kang | Daily Texan Staff

"Charlie" listens to an interview of his friend Fred Eaglesmith, a Canadian alternative-country singer, in the boiler room of the Cactus Cafe on Wednesday afternoon.

to the cafe a few times for his French course, and although the closure won't affect him now that he no longer visits the cafe, he said he doesn't think it

is fair.

Caroline Dickerson, a geography senior who was sitting in the cafe Wednesday afternoon working on homework, said

Tuesday was the first time she had ever been to the cafe. Dickerson came because of a lack of seating in the Flawn Academic Center and the Union, but said she has also been keeping up with the news.

"No one ever hears about [Cactus Cafe] until now," she said. "It's a totally different world than anywhere else on campus."

While efforts to save the historical venue have pushed the cafe into the spotlight, there are students around campus who see the closure as a reasonable measure.

Anthropology senior Robert Burroughs said graduate students and professors are the people most affected by the venue's closure but that even without the cafe, they will always find another place to go.

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## Co-op donates 14,000 shirts to Haiti victims

By Devin Dickey  
Daily Texan Staff

The University Co-op will donate 14,000 unusable Longhorn BCS Championship shirts and hats to earthquake victims in Haiti.

The Co-op printed the shirts and hats in anticipation of a Jan. 7 win. After the loss the merchandise was stored in a warehouse to be either recycled or destroyed.

On Jan. 12, days after the BCS game, the earthquake that destroyed Port-Au-Prince left hundreds of thousands of people with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. The Co-op paired up with Fashion Delivers Charitable Foundation Inc. and Kids in Distressed Situations Inc. to transport and distribute the items. The shirts and hats will be shipped first to Tennessee for sorting and then to Port-Au-Prince so they can be distributed to various shelters.

KIDS spokesman Peter Paris said that after the initial impact has passed, help will still be needed for months following the di-

saster. The majority of press coverage initially focused on the demand for food and water, but in the continuing recovery, essential items such as clothing will become more vital.

However, some experts claim the most effective way to help is still donating money. According to the Center for International Disaster Information Web site, "cash is widely recognized as the most effective and efficient means of providing relief to Haiti's earthquake victims." Money is the best form of donation because it can buy exactly what the victims need, it's easy to transport, and using cash to buy local goods stimulates the economy, according to the Web site.

One characteristic that distinguishes the Fashion Delivers Charitable Foundation Inc. and Kids in Distressed Situations Inc. from other organizations is that they only distribute new clothes. Children in particular have a sense of

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Alexandra Watson | Daily Texan Staff

Boxes filled with Longhorn BCS Championship shirts and hats await transport to Port-Au-Prince, Haiti, after being donated by the University Co-op.



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CORRECTION

In Wednesday's opinion column, "Party foul," Delta Tau Delta's annual party should have been titled the "Freedom" party.  
The Texan regrets the error.

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would have to make budget cuts to come up with funds for staff raises over the next two years. After reviewing the budget, Smith said the Texas Union Board decided to close the Cactus Cafe and end the informal classes program, which will save \$122,000 a year to use for the raises.

"We basically identified two areas in the Union that predominantly didn't serve students but served the local community," Smith said.

He said the informal classes were supposed to be self-sufficient, but several years ago they began requiring a \$106,000 yearly subsidy to continue operating. The subsidy came completely from income earned by the Union, not from students' tuition and fees.

Smith attributed the decrease in revenue from the classes to the state of the economy, the rising costs of the classes and competition from other programs.

"It's a culmination of things,"

he said. "When people's discretionary income isn't there, they cut back on things, and this is the type of thing they cut back on."

Burwell has been teaching informal classes since 1986. The majority of her students are UT faculty and staff because her classes are convenient and an inexpensive alternative to private gyms, she said.

Emma Middleton, a student of Burwell's and an administrative associate in the Student Services Building, said she has taken informal classes for 11 years and is saddened by the classes being canceled.

"I felt, 'Gosh, why? What are we going to do?'" Middleton said. "It's been important to me because I don't get to exercise anytime other than noon."

Middleton attends Burwell's class during her lunch hour because the location and time are convenient. She said she plans to walk during her lunch hour after classes end and look for other programs available in Austin.

Austin Community College offers classes similar to UT's as

part of its continuing education program.

Kirk White, interim dean of the program, said the state requires community colleges to offer the program to everyone. He expects to see a rise in demand as a result of the cancellation of UT's informal classes.

"I think it's unfortunate to see the informal classes close," White said. "I think there's room for both programs in the city, but we will certainly do our best to pick up where they left off."

The UT Recreational Sports Center also offers fitness classes, but the cost for Austin residents can reach about \$300 per semester compared to \$130 for informal classes.

Burwell also teaches classes at UT's recreational center, and after the program ends in August, she plans to continue to teach classes at the center.

But Burwell said there is at least one positive aspect of the decision to end the program.

"I'll have a lot more time to work in my print-making studio," she said.

HAITI: Co-op to track success through visual Facebook updates

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genuine excitement when receiving brand-new items instead of ones that belonged to previous owners, Paris said.

"With the terrible tragedy and loss the Haitian people have suffered and are still experiencing, we do realize this donation may not be [a] very high priority

for them. However, we all need clothing, and this is a small contribution we can make to assist in their recovery," Co-op President George H. Mitchell said.

The merchandise is scheduled to be shipped Friday. The Co-op intends to post photo and video updates about the success of the donation on its Facebook page.

GRANT: Increase in award amount attempts to offset inflation rates

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that big a difference for those students receiving the maximum amount," Bossier said. "Who it helps the most are those who get a partial Pell Grant."

Nora Davidson, a theater major with three semesters of school left, has had to work at

least two jobs every summer to save for the coming year. She also receives a partial Pell Grant every semester.

"I think for anyone who needs the money, it's going to make a difference," Davidson said. "If I was going to be a freshman when the increase starts, it would have a serious effect over the course of four years."

The Obama administration's push to increase the Pell Grant amount marks a departure from its predecessor's policies.

"The Pell Grant amount was not increased once during the last four years of the Bush administration," Kantrowitz said.

CACTUS: Texas Exes proposes cafe's transfer

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"It's sad to lose integral landmarks on campus, but they have to cut the budget," Burroughs said.

While nutrition junior Heather McCanna said the decision is discouraging, she said she will not be directly affected.

"We will lose another one of

LEAK: Staff takes precautions in handling hazardous items

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ger. AFD left the scene at 5 p.m.

According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, fluorine is a yellow gas that it is not combustible but may enhance the combustion of other substances. If inhaled, the gas will cause a burning sensation resulting in coughs, a sore throat, shortness of breath and labored breathing. It will cause redness, pain and burns on the skin and even deeper burns if exposed to the eyes.

"I guess they know what they have to do," said Andreas Ruegg, a postdoctoral fellow in the physics department who was on the 13th floor of RLM at the time of the alarm. "It's annoying me for sure, but I think they are doing the right thing."

The last chemical spill that occurred at RLM was in September, when a student dropped a container and was subsequently sent to the hospital with minor injuries. There was a second chemical spill that same evening at the SW7

psychology and natural sciences lab building that was cleared up without any injuries.

According to statistics gathered from the Office of Environmental Health and Safety, after 4,000 lab inspections conducted from 2007 through September 2009, there was an average of 1.2 safety deficiencies found in each inspection. The inspections are done with a 30-point checklist, and a deficiency can be cited if any point is not met. Deficiencies include not testing an emergency eye-wash station within one month of installation, improper labels on waste containers and chemicals stored improperly.

"For the most part, you can't work in those kinds of labs without having a certain amount of precaution," said Glenn Suchan, a staff member in the purchasing department. "There is an awful lot of protocol that is followed, and that is probably the main reason we don't have issues in the RLM that often."



campus watch

Basketball bummer

Gregory Gym, 2101 Speedway

Theft: An Apple iPhone and carrying case were stolen from the bleachers located next to the basketball courts on the third floor. During the investigation, the officer learned the former owner of the iPhone had been playing basketball while his property was discovered by a new owner. Loss value: \$255.00. Occurred on: 2-01-10, between 9:15 PM and 9:35 PM.

Crime Prevention Tip: On Jan. 20 we announced what the top five items that were most likely to be stolen at UT were, and cellular telephones made that list. Since Jan. 17, there have been seven reported thefts from Gregory Gym. Of those reported thefts, five wallets and two cellular telephones were stolen. The majority of thefts occurred on or near the basketball courts.

Loose change

Neural & Molecular Science Building, 2506 Speedway

Burglary of Coin-Operated Machines: A UT staff member discovered the front door to a feminine product dispensing machine appeared to have been forced open and both products and money was missing. During the investigation the officers learned the feminine product machines in the women's restrooms located on the first, third, fourth and fifth floors had also been damaged. Loss value: Unknown at this time. Discovered on: 2-02-10, at 11:53 AM.

Textbook tizzy

Nursing School, 1710 Red River

Criminal Trespass Warning: A non-UT subject was reported approaching students and asking them if they were interested in sell-

ing him their textbooks. A second report was received where the same subject had knocked lightly on a professor's door and was startled to see the professor sitting at his desk. Again the subject claimed to be buying textbooks. The officers located the subject and issued him a written Criminal Trespass Warning. The non-UT subject is described as: White male, 24 years of age, 6'01" and 175 pounds. Subject has short brown hair, blue eyes, and is clean-shaven. He was last seen wearing blue jeans and a blue short-sleeve shirt. In addition to the law enforcement action taken, the officers discovered the subject was in possession of seven textbooks. Occurred on: 2-02-10, at 4:15 PM.

Osmosis misery

Perry-Castaneda Library, 101 E. 21st St.

Criminal Trespass Warning: A non-UT subject was found studying through osmosis facade with an open book, inside a restricted area after the library had closed. The subject presented the officer with a UT ID but was not a currently registered student or staff member. The subject was issued a written Criminal Trespass Warning and was escorted from the building. Occurred on: 02/03/10 at 2:24 AM.

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## Zookeepers seek tutor, boyfriend for Beijing panda

By Tini Tran

The Associated Press

BEIJING — Ni hao — hello — Mei Lan! Chinese zookeepers are advertising for a tutor to teach Chinese to an American-born giant panda arriving this week in her parents' homeland.

The language lessons, a special diet and even blind dates are also part of the red-carpet welcome being rolled out for 3-year-old Mei Lan, or Beautiful Orchid, by Chinese caretakers ahead of her arrival Friday on a special FedEx flight from the U.S.

Under a deal between China and the U.S., all giant pandas originally from China are only lent out to foreign zoos for scientific study for several years. They and any cubs they produce must all return to China eventually.

Determined to help Mei Lan adapt more quickly to her new life, the caretakers at her new

home, the Chengdu Panda Breeding Research Center in the southwestern province of Sichuan, are recruiting a language teacher via the Internet.

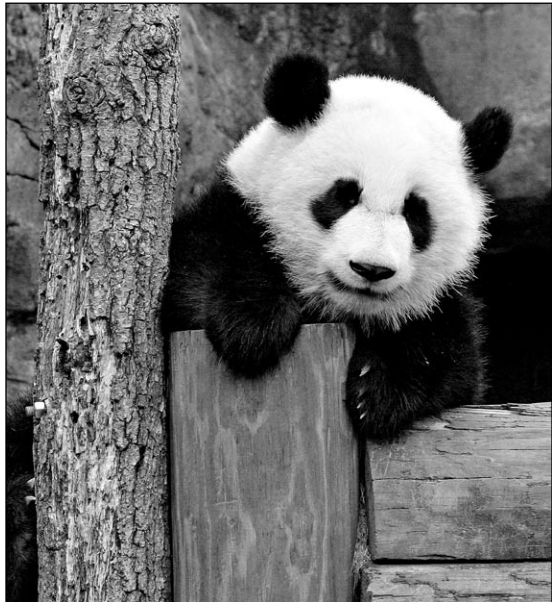
The center has set up a Web site on the popular Internet portal Sina.com for Mei Lan, detailing the qualifications for a volunteer teacher: a bachelor's degree or higher, no history of infectious disease and good command of both English and Chinese.

Then, her caretakers hope to introduce her to a potential mate.

Panda fans are being asked to help choose a "boyfriend" for Mei Lan.

The Web page set up for her introduces eight prospective candidates. It includes short videos of the potential suitors in action, usually munching on bamboo, and asks voters to choose the most compatible based on their appearance and behavior.

Mei Lan, the only giant panda cub to be born in a U.S. zoo in 2006, is shown at Zoo Atlanta in Atlanta, Ga. on Aug. 27, 2007.



Gene Blythe  
Associated Press



M. Spencer Green | Associated Press

Rudy Patitucci, a campaign worker for Democratic Illinois State Comptroller primary candidate Raja Krishnamoorth, goes over results of previously uncounted paper ballots from Tuesday's Illinois primary at the Cook County Board of Elections on Wednesday in Chicago.

## Governor claims primary win

By Christopher Wills

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Even as ballots were still being counted, Gov. Pat Quinn claimed victory in the Democratic primary.

Election officials were scrambling to count ballots, including absentee ones and paper ones from 13 precincts in suburban Cook County that didn't properly transmit Tuesday. Though the margin was less than 1 percent, Quinn claimed victory anyway.

But as of Wednesday morning, Hynes wasn't ready to concede the race, said his spokesman, Matt McGrath, adding that

the campaign's focus now was to ensure all ballots are counted.

Even Cook County Clerk David Orr said it was too soon to tell.

"Every vote that is out there is important because the races are so close," he said. "We have no choice but to go through this very careful and hopefully transparent process."

Quinn said precincts where votes haven't been counted are strongly behind him. He congratulated Hynes on running a well-organized campaign but said he wouldn't ask his opponent to concede.

With Republican gubernato-

rial candidates also in a near-deadlock, Quinn said he had no preference for his possible November opponent. He said he likes GOP state Sens. Bill Brady and Kirk Dillard personally, calling them "nice guys."

Brady and Dillard, along with businessman Andy McKenna, were within about a percentage point of one another.

Tuesday's primary did decide the field in the race for the U.S. Senate seat held by Obama until his presidential victory. Democrat Alexi Giannoulias will face five-term U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk.

The inconclusive results in the

governor's races postpones the GOP push to retake the governor's office.

The Hynes camp said Tuesday that with absentee ballots, tens of thousands of votes remained to be counted.

"If democracy means anything, it means we need to count all the votes," Hynes said. "All the votes."

One or both of the governor races could wind up going to a recount. Illinois law doesn't require re-counts in close races, so the candidates would have to decide whether to request one and cover the costs.

## Outstanding Student and Cactus Goodfellow Awards

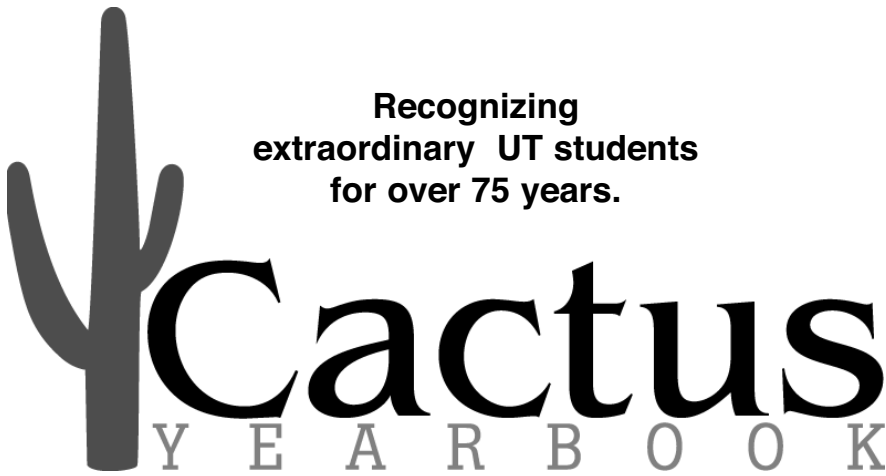
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VIEWPOINT

# Protest beyond the Cactus Cafe

Most people are aware of layoffs and tuition increases to fund targeted raises at UT, among other things, but they either feel they can't do much about it or feel it doesn't affect them directly. But when informal classes — which serve thousands of residents outside of UT — get axed, and when the Cactus Cafe — which has names like Lyle Lovett and words like “internationally renowned” attached to it by adoring fans — has its doors closed, everybody wants a pitchfork and a turn at the microphone.

Before those rambunctious and rightfully pissed populists rise up in arms against this editorial, let's be clear about what is not being said. This editorial is not in support of closing down the Cactus Cafe. The decision to close the Cactus Cafe under the not-so-clever guise of “trimming fat from the budget” is not culturally or financially responsible. If the Texas Union Board and the UT administration is concerned about the Cafe being constantly in the red, they should adopt plans to make it more relevant to students and ultimately profitable. The cafe in its current state essentially represents an unappreciated investment — full of potential to be self-sustaining, but generally neglected in attention. You don't just close down your promising investments.

Along those lines, this editorial does not find the miniscule amount of money saved from cutting informal classes to outweigh the losses students and community members will incur from their demise. These classes benefit students and the community, as well as people like them — just try signing up for an interesting course more than a day or two after registration opens. You won't get a spot. Just like one of the core purposes of the University states, these classes generally provide a service not found in the area and improve the quality of life of the people of Texas.

But let's look at this in perspective. The University has been undergoing harsh changes for a while now. Not every student may be aware of it (with all these closed meetings, who would expect them to), but these changes directly affect them. From the amount they pay to the sizes of their classes to the classes offered in general to who teaches those classes, every student will be affected.

President William Powers Jr.'s town hall meeting was dominated by nonstudents outraged at the idea of closing the 31-year-old Cactus Cafe and, to a lesser extent, getting rid of informal classes. While the peculiarly timed announcement may have been a clever distraction from current issues, the meeting was really meant to continue discussing budget issues and Powers' final tuition recommendation to the Board of Regents. Yes, those are still pressing issues. Instead of conversation about an explanation of these issues, we got a 30-minute overextension to hear how upset locals are that a piece of Austin culture would be pushed to the wayside just like that.

Meanwhile, 98 UT employees have been let go in five months. Ninety-eight human beings. And more to come, undoubtedly. State Representative Elliott Naishtat, to thundering approval, says he wants to “work together to save these iconic programs,” according to the Austin American-Statesman. But how many people, how many elected officials are working to save the already underpaid members of the staff and faculty who contribute to the community through what they offer at the University? The University contributes more than just a small folk-music venue to Austin. Simply because you cannot buy a ticket to watch a professor give a lecture does not mean what they offer en masse isn't equally as valuable, if not more. This isn't a false dilemma; one does not have to choose between supporting students and faculty or a bar on the edge of campus. UT has supported the community, and the community needs to support UT — but not just when it seems convenient. Be vocal, always.

— Jeremy Burchard for the editorial board

GALLERY



# Ways to save the Cactus Cafe

By Erin Hazel  
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

As we all know, the Cactus Cafe has a culturally and historically storied past. Many of the greats got their start here on the UT campus. This, however, is no justification for keeping the venue open during dire economic times if it is a financial liability. For many reasons, the Cactus Cafe is not self-sustainable in its present form. The suggestions offered here will focus both on keeping the Cactus Cafe profitable for the University as well as relevant to the student body.

One of the University's primary criticisms is that the Cactus Cafe is largely used by nonstudents. There are several ways to change this, and most are simple:

### Advertising and marketing

The University of Texas is understandably uncomfortable promoting a venue that serves alcohol to students; thus, advertisements of the cafe are not allowed on campus. Alcohol, however, is not and never has been at the center of the Cactus Cafe's mission. This is not a place where people go to “party.” It is, as noted earlier, a respected live-music venue that is readily considered the best listening room in the entire state of Texas. The University has not explored ways to allow the establishment to advertise those aspects. Recognizable images and names sell, and the Cactus Cafe is awash with marketable elements. The problem is that most students on campus have no idea the cafe exists, a problem easily rectifiable by posters and ads promoting live music, landmark historical site, microbrews, Fair Trade coffee, local organic food and so on. The Cactus Cafe has the potential to draw not only students, but tourists as well.

### Improving food and beverage selection

Although the Cactus Cafe has aged

with grace, the same cannot be said of its food and beverages. Several years ago, the Texas Union opened a Starbucks just next door, and the quality of their product is vastly superior to the coffee that has been served in the Cactus Cafe for decades. The cafe can easily offer better quality coffee, such as Fair Trade, and other local snacks. A primary difficulty in ordering from local vendors, however, is parking. Until several years ago, vendors were able to park and unload on the loading dock behind the cafe. When that policy was suddenly changed, vendors sought parking wherever they could and were often cited by police. A \$25 parking ticket vastly offsets a \$10 delivery of bagels. Surely the University can accommodate local vendors in the interest of drawing more revenue.

### Introducing more diverse and pertinent performers

As noted above, the Cactus Cafe has been voted time and again as “The Best Live Music Venue in Austin.” Many performers, however, do not draw crowds and are of little interest to students. Therefore I suggest involving students in the music selection via UT's own student-run radio station 91.7 KVRX (and its Austin community counterpart KOOP) in much the same way that KGSR and KUT already are involved. KVRX should have a stronger presence in the only music club on campus. Moreover, the cafe should not limit itself to folk singer/songwriters almost exclusively. Much good music is performed at the cafe, but there are scores of folk acts that attract only a handful of baby boomers. I do not suggest barring these groups entirely from the cafe, but merely limiting the number of times they can perform during the year. It is students who have their ear to the contemporary music scene, and their tastes and views should be considered. There is a profusion of groups

performing acoustically in genres as varied as jazz, rock, indie, metal and so on.

### More reasonable alcohol options

Remove the items that do not sell from the shelves. In addition, introduce more high-caliber products as well as a few popular low-caliber ones. Although the cafe boasts a few excellent bottled brews and liquors, its assortment of draught beers and wine is less than noteworthy in both quantity and quality. Not only do microbrews and imports sell well, they are also vital in establishing a safe drinking environment. Rarely does one buy high-quality beer to binge drink. I realize, however, that many students cannot afford the pricier beer (some, alas, cannot even appreciate the taste); therefore, I suggest offering in addition lower-priced popular beer such as PBR.

### Accept payment with credit and debit cards

It is currently a cash-only establishment, which is fine for the more financially secure, typically older customers. But the cafe often turns away younger students who can get their chips, tea and coffee at the Starbucks around the corner without ever having to handle cash.

The Cactus Cafe is worth preserving. To close its doors would be not only a grave loss for the greater Austin community and University student body but also an imprudent financial decision. There is much potential for increased earnings at the cafe. The University has spent scant time and resources exploring ways of making the Cactus Cafe better. I believe that with the assistance of the administration, the student body and the entire Austin community, the best of the Cactus Cafe is yet to come.

Erin Hazel is a UT alum and former Cactus Cafe employee.

# A budget worth cutting



By Dave Player  
Daily Texan Columnist

Of all the gin joints in all the towns in all the world, they had to cut the budget of mine.

Recent proposals by the Texas Union to close down the iconic Cactus Cafe have drawn widespread criticism from students and area residents alike. The on-campus bar has been a live-music venue for 30 years and is considered an Austin landmark. For those Austinites attempting to keep the city weird, losing the Cactus Cafe is just one more step down the paved road to normalcy.

As much as it stings, budget cuts should be a common feeling by now. Government-supported groups across the state have been forced to make tough decisions after Gov. Perry asked state agencies to submit proposals to cut their budgets by 5 percent for the next year.

Speaking of bars, it will be interesting to see what kind of cuts one state agency plans to make. The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission is the regulatory agency tasked with controlling the production, distribution and sale of all types of alcohol in the state. While initially created as a regulatory force whose primary responsibilities were quality control and licensing, the agency's scope has changed drastically since its inception to include operations that fall under the blanket term of “public safety.” Today, the commission acts as a quasi-police force with statewide jurisdiction to conduct raids, sting operations and other independent investigations. Spend a weekend night in West Campus, and you're sure to see its unmarked Crown Victoria patrolling the streets hoping to make an arrest.

However, that broadening of the agency's scope, coupled with its zeal for protecting the public from itself, hasn't come without its episodes. In the past year alone a variety of major incidents have put the commission in the headlines for all the wrong reasons. In Feb. 2009, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality said the alcohol regulatory agency violated environmental laws while disposing of some 57,500 bottles of beer and 11,355 bottles of wine following a raid.

The following June, the agency temporarily halted sting operations after an officer was arrested on charges of sexually assaulting a minor who had been working for the agency in one of its under-age stings. The agency has since resumed said operations.

That same month, the agency drew national attention following a raid on the Rainbow Lounge, a gay club in Fort Worth. The timing of the raid piqued interest. It came on the 40th anniversary of the

infamous Stonewall Riots in New York, which sparked protests from gay rights groups and are widely viewed as the start of the modern gay rights movement. During the raid, police made several arrests, with one of the suspects receiving a severe head injury while in police custody. The injury was so substantial that the man remained in intensive care for several days. While some gay rights groups claimed the club was an intentional target, an internal review by the commission found that its agent had not used excessive force in the raids.

Perhaps the most disturbing incident in recent history occurred in August, when three agents were involved in a shooting that left one Austin man dead. The details surrounding the shooting have been contested, but certain aspects highlight a disturbing side of the agency and its ever-broadening propensity to use force.

In the early hours of Aug. 16, Austin police pursued a speeding truck before calling off the chase, as department policy requires. Two agents in the area continued to search for the vehicle, eventually finding the truck and following it to the Longhorn Landing apartment complex. Agents left their car with guns drawn and, when the suspect continued to operate his vehicle, opened fire, citing an immediate threat to their lives.

When the gunfire stopped, 25-year-old Steven Lunt had been shot three times in the head; he died Sept. 2. A grand jury investigation revealed the two officers had fired a combined 19 shots at the suspect. They had followed the suspect in an unmarked car, had not used their police sirens or lights and had approached the car in civilian clothing with guns drawn. However, the subsequent investigation found that agents had not acted illegally. Not the type of actions one would expect from an agency created to dole out liquor licenses.

The commission's budget has grown in step with its widening and seeming limitless powers and assumed responsibilities. If Perry is truly concerned with cutting needless spending, then perhaps he should look to this unpopular agency and its \$48 million operating budget. Or maybe not. Commission chair Jose Cuevas, a Perry appointee, drew fire last October after soliciting campaign contributions for the governor from bar and restaurant owners — the same constituents he is empowered to regulate.

In these tough economic times, Texans need to focus intense scrutiny on just what we spend our money on, especially when important services like education and infrastructure are being threatened. It's time to take the teeth out of an agency that hasn't learned not to bite the hand that feeds it.

Player is a Plan II junior.

## THE FIRING LINE

### Questioning SG's motive

Did anyone honestly think that Liam O'Rourke really thought about the student body or anyone but himself when he ran for SG president? I can commend him for going after what he wants in a career and using his experiences here to bolster his resume. But, if he's going to tell me, as a student, that he and the Union Board did “the best [they] could with [their] information,” then I'm going to go ahead and call his bluff.

This is a personal challenge to O'Rourke: I want to know exactly what your “best” was, and what information you used to arrive at that decision. Let's see that dialogue you talked about when you got yourself elected. If this situation isn't more fuel for the “Abolish Student Government” contingent, then I don't know what is.

— Andy Kahn  
English senior

### Defending the Texas Union Board

As a former ex-officio member of the Texas Union Board of Directors, elected by the students, and as a former

Daily Texan columnist I feel the need to respond to the charges levied against the Union board in Wednesday's editorial “Viewpoint: Shut Out.”

Let me begin by assuring you I, too, am fairly bummed about the closing of the Cactus Cafe as I have fond memories of listening to David Garza there and otherwise just having somewhere close to go to grab a drink. More than anywhere I lived in Austin, no place felt more like home than the Texas Union, and the Cactus Cafe is certainly part of that home.

Unfortunately, if cuts have to be made it's hard to argue we'd rather use student money to preserve something utilized by Austinites more than by students than save student programming, people's jobs or access to the Union. Those were the choices the board had, and they made the right one. As great as the Cactus Cafe is, seeing someone like Maya Angelou or former president Bill Clinton speak for free is more important. Having students learn from planning big events is more important.

Sadly, the editorial wasn't attacking the decision so much as the process, portraying the board as lackeys for the administration. As much as this is a favorite Daily Texan editorial plot device, it's simply not true. First, the viewpoint conflates Vice President Gonzales' statements with the

Board's view. This is more than a little misleading.

Second, the editorial makes it appear the board is appointed by the administration without any democratic voice. Let me set things straight: the Texas Union Board has only three voting members out of nine, all faculty members, appointed by the UT President. The Student Events Center president and SG president, both elected, serve ex officio. Two students are elected at large. And the student-elected SG president appoints two more members to serve two-year terms.

Third, as I've learned firsthand from the Taco Bell Tomato Controversy of 2004, students and community members do have access to the Union Board, to the meetings, and are free to come and have their voices heard. You might not like a decision, but this doesn't mean something is suddenly undemocratic.

Do cutbacks blow? Totally. But hazarding conflating all you don't like about the UT Administration, the budget process and SG with the Union Board because you disagree with them is like getting mad at your Italian professor because the nachos at the Jester Cafeteria make you sick.

— Matt Hardigree  
UT alumnus

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# COME AGAIN ANOTHER DAY

Pedestrians wait to cross Guadalupe Street in front of the University Co-op during Wednesday's steady, all-day rain.



Matthew Stottlemire  
Daily Texan Staff

# Charity efforts outdo federal aid, report says

**By Katherine Noble**  
Daily Texan Staff

After Hurricane Katrina ravaged the Gulf Coast on Aug. 29, 2005, Austin residents' aid overshadowed government response, according to a social work professor's research.

At the School of Social Work on Wednesday, Holly Bell presented data that evaluated Austin's long-term response to hurricane evacuees. Six UT researchers, including Bell, collected and analyzed the data for the four years following the hurricane. The researchers found that volunteer efforts immediately following the hurricane successfully aided displaced New Orleans residents at the Austin Convention Center before government aid arrived.

Although Houston served as the main evacuation location for most New Orleans residents, Austin became the 16th largest evacuation site for those displaced by Hurricane Katrina. The government shuttled more than 4,200 New Orleans residents to the Austin Convention Center, and another estimated 8,000 evacuated to Austin.

"After Katrina, the United States is at a crossroads in deciding the relative roles of [local aid] as opposed to the efforts of the state," Bell said.

In September 2005, the researchers began studying relief efforts of government agencies, religious and nonprofit organizations and informal social networks in response to the hurricane.

Although local organizations raised \$5 million to help those at the Austin Convention Center, volunteer efforts became discouraged when government aid through Federal Emergency Management Agency failed to step in and distribute the allotted \$19 billion to evacuees during the 18 months after the hurricane, Bell said.

Austinites offered aid independent of formal organizations to those at the Austin Convention Center, but evacuees' long-term needs, including housing, transportation, education and employment, could not be met through local relief efforts alone, she said.

"Most residents were left in a semipermanent state of limbo because they couldn't afford Austin rent long-term without FEMA assistance," Bell said. "Katrina proved that [government] response does not always focus on the needs of the most vulnerable citizens."

Bell, like many of the other researchers, began as a volunteer at the Austin Convention Center days after the hurricane, helping to serve the evacuees' various, immediate needs. This volunteer effort grew into a desire for deeper research, she said, and she interviewed 98 relief providers and 71 evacuees from different economic and ethnic backgrounds.

She said cultural differences between New Orleans communities and Austin communities challenged the ability of evacuees to assimilate comfortably into their temporary home. Also, many did not have connections in Austin.

"Many social networks were broken up during the evacuation, and evacuees weren't able to find mutual aid and connections in Austin," she said.

Austin's housing crisis at the time of the hurricane provided challenges for evacuees to find housing, Bell said. Many evacuees struggled to find jobs because most of those who remained in Austin could not find jobs to match their skill sets, she said.

Bell said despite government shortcomings regarding long-term aid, she discovered through interviews that most Austin evacuees maintained positive attitudes toward and appreciation for Austin's generosity.

"Long-term federal investment is most important to aid those affected by disasters," she said. "This made Katrina a unique historical event calling on both civil society and state aid in unusual ways."

# Study shows impact of gender stereotypes on children

**By Destinee Hodge**  
Daily Texan Staff

Gender bias may be preventable in the classroom by minimizing stereotypes of gender roles, according to a UT researcher.

Psychology professor Rebecca Bigler presented the findings of her study Wednesday on how children interpret gender and racial inequality.

The study was an attempt to learn about how children develop stereotypes and how to reverse the processes that enforce biases about race and gender.

"My research suggests you shouldn't label because the kids will stereotype," Bigler said. "It's really simple when you think about it. In the case of race, you would see how stereotyping would get worse if I came in and said, 'Good morning, black and Latino children,' but why don't we see a problem with always saying 'boys and girls?'"

Bigler, director of the University's Gender and Racial Attitudes lab, found that both boys and girls saw being male as a societal advantage. American children identify success with being male because of the enforcement of gender roles in the classroom, according to her research.

"When we asked the kids why there were no female presidents, a lot of times they answered, 'Because boys are smarter,'" she said.

Bigler said in her speech that American society does a good job of letting children know about the existence of racial prejudice but fails to highlight the gender-equality issues.

"Women's issues don't have the prominence of race issues," she said. "Every kid that we interviewed in our study in the 8 to 11 age range knew who Martin Luther King Jr. was, [but] none of them really knew any gender-equality activists."

The UT community could get involved by joining organizations that promote equality and allow for volunteer opportunities, Bigler said.

Equality Texas is a nonprofit organization based in Austin that lobbies in government and creates social awareness of gender-equality issues. The organization aims to advocate ending gender inequality, said Chuck Smith, the organization's deputy director.

By explaining to children the country's history in a clear manner, the development of biases can be prevented, she said.

"We have to be honest about our history of excluding people," she said. "And then we just have to figure out what's the best way to tell kids that in a way that doesn't depress them but makes them want to fight for fairness."

Bigler asked her audience some of her research questions to compare the audience's responses with the responses of the children in the study.

"I loved it," said Jamie Doak, a Plan II and women's and gender studies senior after the speech. "It was fantastic. I'm going to be a teacher next year with Teach for America, so it was really relevant."

Gender inequity is at the heart of the larger societal issues that not only the United States but also the world faces, Bigler said.

"In order to solve the world's problems, women have to be treated equally," she said. "They have to be involved in government and business. If you just let men run things, it's the recipe for disaster, and it is morally and ethically unacceptable."

Bigler has been teaching and researching at the University for more than 18 years. Her presentation was part of a series of events hosted by the Center for Women's and Gender Studies.

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Date: February 4, 2010  
To: All Students at The University of Texas at Austin  
From: Dr. Soncia Reagins-Lilly, Senior Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students  
Subject: **TEXAS HAZING STATUTE SUMMARY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN'S HAZING REGULATIONS**

The 70th Texas Legislature enacted a law concerning hazing. Under the law, individuals or organizations engaging in hazing could be subject to fines and charged with a criminal offense.

According to the law, a person can commit a hazing offense not only by engaging in a hazing activity, but also by soliciting, directing, encouraging, aiding or attempting to aid another in hazing; by intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly allowing hazing to occur; or by failing to report, in writing to the Dean of Students or another appropriate official of the institution, first-hand knowledge that a hazing incident is planned or has occurred. The fact that a person consented to or acquiesced in a hazing activity is not a defense to prosecution for hazing under this law.

In an effort to encourage reporting of hazing incidents, the law grants immunity from civil or criminal liability to any person who reports a specific hazing event in good faith and without malice to the Dean of Students or other appropriate official of the institution and immunizes that person for participation in any judicial proceeding resulting from liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed as a result of the report. Additionally, a doctor or other medical practitioner who treats a student who may have been subjected to hazing may make a good faith report of the suspected hazing activities to police or other law enforcement officials and is immune from civil or other liability that might otherwise be imposed or incurred as a result of the report. The penalty for failure to report is a fine of up to \$1,000, up to 180 days in jail, or both. Penalties for other hazing offenses vary according to the severity of the injury which results and include fines from \$500 to \$10,000 and/or confinement for up to two years.

### HAZING DEFINED

The law defines hazing as **any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are or include students at an educational institution.** Hazing includes but is not limited to:

- A. any type of physical brutality, such as whipping, beating, striking, branding, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on the body, or similar activity;
- B. any type of physical activity, such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, calisthenics, or other activity that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student;
- C. any activity involving consumption of food, liquid, alcoholic beverage, liquor, drug, or other substance which subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or which adversely affects the mental or physical health of the student;
- D. any activity that intimidates or threatens the student with ostracism, that subjects the student to extreme mental stress, shame, or humiliation, or that adversely affects the mental health or dignity of the student or discourages the student from entering or remaining registered in an educational institution, or that may reasonably be expected to cause a student to leave the organization or the institution rather than submit to acts described in this subsection;
- E. any activity that induces, causes, or requires the student to perform a duty or task which involves a violation of the Penal Code.

### UNIVERSITY DISCIPLINARY RULES

This law does not affect or in any way limit the right of the university to enforce its own rules against hazing under Chapter 16 of the *Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities*. In addition, *Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System*, Series 50101, Number 2, Section 2.8, provide that:

- (a) Hazing with or without the consent of a student is prohibited by the System, and a violation of that prohibition renders both the person inflicting the hazing and the person submitting to the hazing subject to discipline.
- (b) Initiations or activities by organizations may include no feature that is dangerous, harmful or degrading to the student. A violation of this prohibition renders both the organization and participating individuals subject to discipline.

### DAINGEROUS OR DEGRADING ACTIVITIES

Activities which under certain conditions constitute acts which are dangerous, harmful, or degrading, in violation of Chapter 16 and subsections 6-303(b)(3) and 11-804(7) of the *Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities* include but are not limited to:

- ▶ Calisthenics, such as sit-ups, push-ups, or any other form of physical exercise;
- ▶ Total or partial nudity at any time;
- ▶ The eating or ingestion of any unwanted substance;
- ▶ The wearing or carrying of any embarrassing, degrading or physically burdensome article;

- ▶ Paddle swats, including the trading of swats;
- ▶ Pushing, shoving, tackling, or any other physical contact;
- ▶ Throwing any substance on a person;
- ▶ Consumption of alcoholic beverages accompanied by either threats or peer pressure;
- ▶ Lineups for the purpose of interrogating, demeaning or intimidating;
- ▶ Transportation and abandonment (road trips, kidnaps, walks, rides, drops);
- ▶ Confining individuals in an area that is uncomfortable or dangerous (hot box effect, high temperature, too small);
- ▶ Any form of individual interrogation;
- ▶ Any type of servitude that is of personal benefit to the individual members;
- ▶ Wearing of embarrassing or uncomfortable clothing;
- ▶ Assigning pranks such as stealing, painting objects, harassing other organizations;
- ▶ Intentionally messing up the house or a room for clean up;
- ▶ Demeaning names;
- ▶ Yelling or screaming; and
- ▶ Requiring boxing matches or fights for entertainment.

### DISCIPLINED ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE RESOLVED VIA MUTUAL AGREEMENTS

In accordance with requirements of the *Texas Education Code* Section 51.936(c), the following organizations have been disciplined for hazing and/or convicted for hazing, on or off campus, during the preceding three years:

- ▶ **Absolute Texas\*** Conditional registration is one (1) year (Completed May 19, 2009).
- ▶ **alpha Kappa Delta Phi\*** Penalty issued April 25, 2005 (Suspended through April 25, 2006; Probation through April 26, 2007). Conditional registration is one (1) year (February 11, 2010). Found to be in violation; Additional penalty pending.
- ▶ **Alpha Tau Omega** Found to be in violation; Penalty pending.
- ▶ **Beta Chi Theta\*** Conditional registration is one (1) year (August 24, 2010).
- ▶ **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** Penalty issued November 10, 2009 (Suspended through December 31, 2009; Probation for 18 months following reinstatement of chapter).
- ▶ **Delta Tau Delta** Found to be in violation; Penalty pending.
- ▶ **Gamma Beta** Penalty issued November 16, 2005 (Suspended through November 16, 2006; Probation through November 16, 2007).
- ▶ **Kappa Alpha Order** Penalty issued December 14, 2004 (Cancelled through December 31, 2006; Suspension ongoing).
- ▶ **Kappa Phi Gamma Sorority, Inc.\*** Conditional registration is one (1) year (Completed May 12, 2009).
- ▶ **Lambda Phi Epsilon** Penalty issued December 20, 2005 (Cancelled through December 19, 2011; Suspended through December 19, 2012; Probation through December 19, 2013).
- ▶ **Omega Phi Gamma\*** Conditional registration is one and a half (1.5) years (November 19, 2009).
- ▶ **Phi Delta Chi-Pharmacy\*** Conditional registration is one (1) year (March 5, 2010).
- ▶ **Phi Gamma Delta\*** Conditional registration is two (2) years (July 15, 2010).
- ▶ **Phi Kappa Psi** Penalty issued February 7, 2006 (Cancelled through February 6, 2007; Suspended through March 27, 2008; Probation ongoing).
- ▶ **Sigma Alpha Epsilon\*** Conditional registration is five (5) years (April 7, 2013).
- ▶ **Sigma Chi\*** Conditional registration is two (2) years (May 16, 2010).
- ▶ **Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.\*** Conditional registration is one (1) year (July 16, 2009).
- ▶ **Sigma Phi Epsilon** Found to be in violation; Penalty pending.
- ▶ **Silver Spurs\*** Conditional registration is three (3) years (May 19, 2011).
- ▶ **Texas Cheer and Pom\*** Conditional registration is two (2) years (July 23, 2011).
- ▶ **Texas Iron Spikes\*** Conditional registration is one (1) year (September 16, 2009).
- ▶ **Texas Spirits\*** Conditional registration is one (1) year (Completed May 19, 2009).
- ▶ **Texas Wranglers\*** Conditional registration is two (2) years (October 6, 2010).

\*Resolved via Mutual Agreement

For further information or clarification of probationary member activities, contact Student Activities and Leadership Development (SALD) in the Office of the Dean of Students (DoS), Student Services Building (SSB) 4.400, 512-471-3065.





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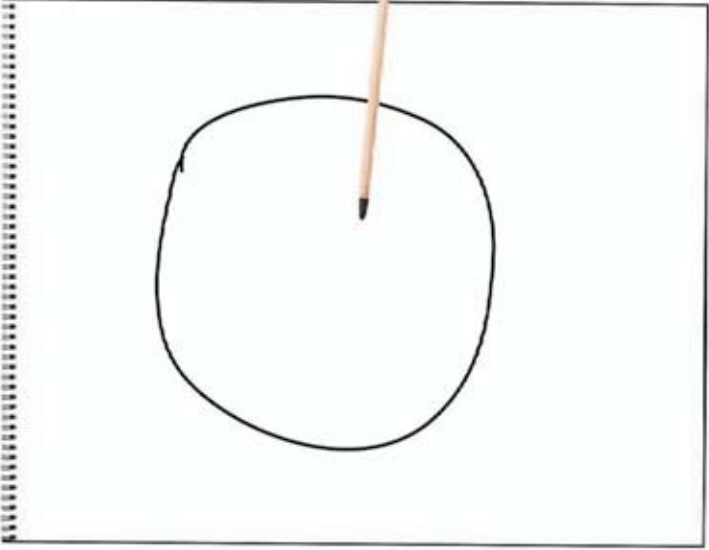
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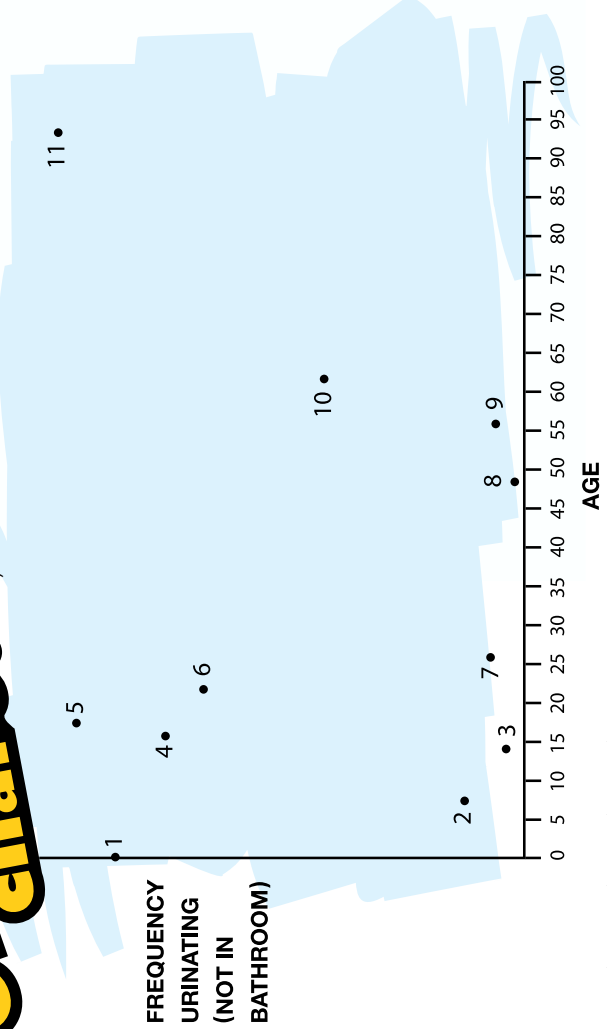


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Demetri is a wiz with important scientific data. Connect the dots in numerical order to complete his graph of urination habits (sans toilet) over a lifetime.



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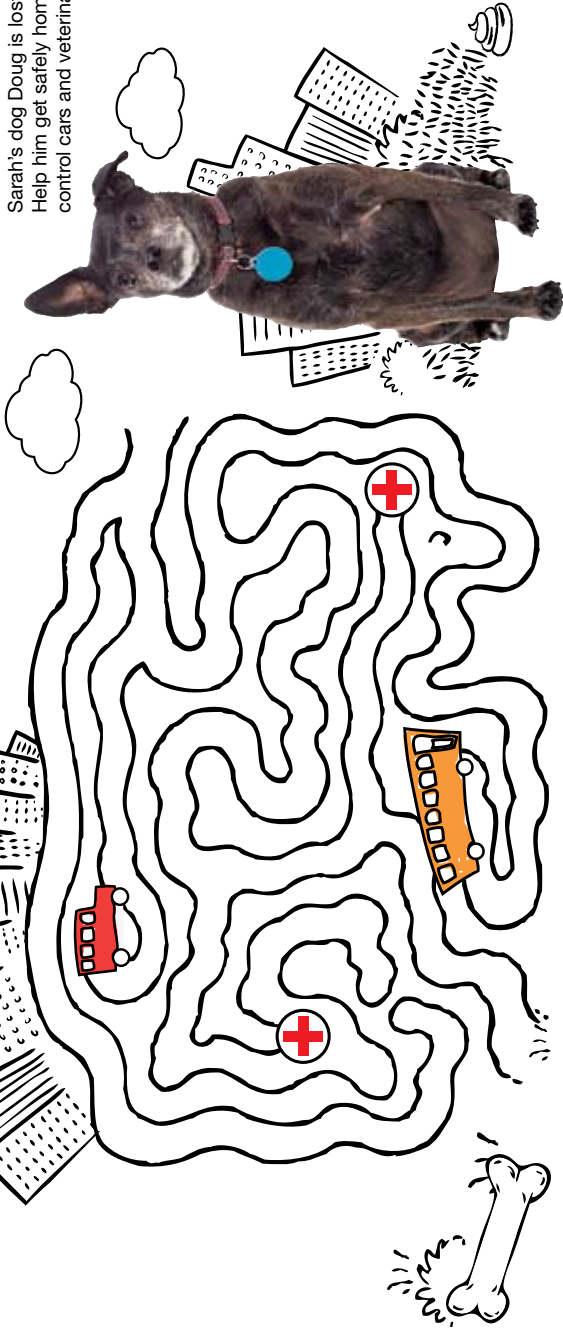
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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Nine Longhorns to participate in US Volleyball tryouts

Penn State isn't the only team to notice how good Texas was this year.

After pushing the Nittany Lions to five sets in the championship match in December, the US Volleyball team has come calling.

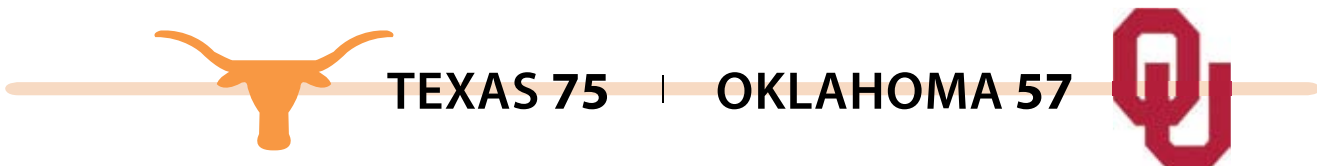
Nine current Longhorns will try-out for a chance to be on the 2010 national team. Juniors Juliann Faucette and Jennifer Doris; sophomores Michelle Kocher, Amber Roberson, and Sydney Yogi; freshmen Sha'Dare McNeal, Bailey Webster and Hannah Allison, who is in her first semester at Texas; will all be representing Texas at the tryout.

Faucette was named to the all-tournament team for Final Four tournament for the national championship.

Texas is one of 80 colleges sending over 170 athletes. The tryouts are for the U.S. national team, but those not selected for the national team will be invited to play for the Senior A2.

Former Longhorn, Destinee Hooker, who is playing professional volleyball in Korea for GS Caltex, took a semester off two years ago to train with the U.S. volleyball team.

— Chris Tavarez



# Horns take down Oklahoma in Norman

By Sameer Bhuchar  
Daily Texan Staff

The women's basketball team may have been playing deep in enemy territory, but it played as if it owned Oklahoma's Lloyd Noble Center.

No. 17 Texas' checklist for victory demanded that they stop No. 13 Oklahoma's sharpshooters, dominate the boards and never let up on the gas. It left Norman, Okla., with a big check in all categories. Entering the game, the Longhorn defense was focused on slowing the high-powered scoring

1-5 in games in which they lose the battle of the boards. They are 14-0 when controlling the glass.

The final piece of the puzzle was to keep pushing forward, and Texas did just that. Though Oklahoma had multiple runs, Texas took the lead early and never looked back. It shot an impressive 50 percent from the field and 84 percent from the free-throw line.

Ashleigh Fontenette and Brittainey Raven led the Longhorns in scoring with 21 points and 17 points, respectively. Even when the Sooners cut the lead to single digits in the second half, Texas stayed the course by making cuts and running the floor to ensure easy points.

"You know, [Oklahoma] made their runs in the second half, but we kept our poise,

we stayed calm, we stuck together, and then we went on our own runs," Williams said. "That's just what you have to do on away games and every game."

Williams, an Oklahoma native, said she was energized by having her friends and family attend the game.

"I had about 15 to 20 people come support me. It felt

*"We were fortunate to get Robinson in foul trouble. We continued to take it to her so she could get more fouls and sit on the bench."*

— Earnesia Williams  
senior

fouls.

"We were fortunate to get Robinson in foul trouble," said senior Earnesia Williams. "We continued to take it to her so she could get more fouls and sit on the bench."

The Longhorns also knew the Sooners were vulnerable when out-rebounded. Texas grabbed 10 more rebounds than Oklahoma, dropping the Sooners to

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Sophomore Ashley Gayle blocks Oklahoma's Carlee Roethlisberger in Texas' second win in a row over a ranked opponent.

Bryan Terry  
Associated Press

FOOTBALL



Lauren Gerson | Daily Texan Staff

Head coach Mack Brown smiles during a press conference announcing Texas' recruiting class. The class is considered one of the best in the country.

## Jeffcoat, Hicks highlight Texas' 2010 recruiting class

By Michael Sherfield  
Daily Texan Staff

The Texas football team is No. 2 again, but this time it's a good thing.

A month after losing the BCS Championship game and the subsequent national rankings, the Longhorns signed the second-best recruiting class in the nation, as ranked by *rivals.com* and ESPN, finishing behind Florida.

The class became official Wednesday, National Signing Day, and was marked by two important, late commitments. Jackson Jeffcoat, the second-ranked player in the nation at defensive end out of Plano, Texas and Jordan Hicks, an outside linebacker from Ohio — just the second commitment from that state in Texas history — both verbally committed last week.

Jeffcoat decided against playing with his father, who coaches at Houston and played for the Dallas Cowboys and Buffalo Bills. Hicks, the top-ranked linebacker in the nation, re-established a connection with Texas as strength coach Jeff Madden, who had worked with Hicks for years and was a family friend.

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### Five-star recruits

★★★★★

**Jordan Hicks**  
Linebacker  
6'2", 220 lbs.  
West Chester, Ohio



Hicks was one of Texas' biggest gets and bucked Mack Brown's trend of recruiting largely in state. Could be the best pass rusher in the nation and make an immediate impact as outside linebacker.

**Jackson Jeffcoat**  
Defensive lineman  
6'5", 235 lbs.  
Plano, Texas



The son of former Dallas Cowboys defensive lineman, Jim Jeffcoat could have even a brighter future than his dad. Should help ease the loss of Sergio Kindle at defensive end.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Johnson's role on team different than expected

By Will Anderson  
Daily Texan Staff

There was no hesitation, no semblance of pause or look of worry on Gary Johnson's face as he received a pass about five feet from the basket with Texas down late in the first half at Oklahoma State.

The 6-foot-6 power forward didn't even pause to consider his options. Instead, he slashed to the inside where he slipped between Marshall Moses and Fred Guley and drew a foul while he sank a layup.

One completed free throw later, Texas was down by just 7. The 3-point play was pivotal in cutting OSU's lead before halftime and, ultimately, the Longhorn's win.

The move isn't exactly common for Johnson, who is in his third season on the team but only now coming into his own as a scorer. Johnson has added a hook shot and short jumper to his repertoire, and he insists that those are only a taste of what's to come.

"I bring a low-post presence," Johnson said. "That scoring is going to be key for us."

Johnson is also a constant threat on the pick and roll. Twice against Baylor he scored assisted layups from J'Covan Brown after setting screens near the elbow for the freshman guard.

On defense, the undersized Johnson intimidates no one, but that might change soon. He uses

footwork and solid fundamentals to force opponents to their weak side, where he knows he has help from the likes of Dexter Pittman and Damion James.

And because of his stature, the Texas offense can't flow through him as it does with Pittman, so Johnson gets his points from offensive rebounds and clean-up duty. It's a role he relishes.

"Coach tells me to look for my shots, to be patient," Johnson said. "That being said, I'm not the first or second option in our offense. I know my job."

As Johnson has matured, his production has gone up. He's third on the team in rebounding and fifth in scoring this year, with 4.7 rebounds and 8.1 points per game. He's even better in conference play, averaging 9.3 points and 5.7 rebounds — nearly twice what he put up as a freshman in 2008.

"I just want to be a role-player for this team," Johnson said. "When I don't bring it, that's when things go bad."

Of course, it wasn't supposed to be this way.

Johnson wasn't meant to be a reserve or come off the bench for anybody. He starred at Aldine High School, on the north side of Houston, averaging 26 points and 13 rebounds as a senior.

He was the state's Gatorade

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Sara Young | Daily Texan Staff

Junior Gary Johnson guards against an in-bounds pass during the UC-Irvine game earlier this season. Johnson's career at Texas almost never happened, though, because of a heart condition.





Bryan Terry | Associated Press  
Freshman Cokie Reed guards Oklahoma's Danielle Robinson during Wednesday's game in Oklahoma. The win gives Texas momentum heading into the second half of Big 12 play.

# WIN: Texas wins second game in a row against ranked foe

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really good to get a win here," Williams said.

She added that she even "had a little fun with [her supporters]" when they heckled her for fouling out late in the game.

With Wednesday's 75-57 victory against a strong Oklahoma

team, the Horns (15-6, 4-3 Big 12) came away with a feeling that their team is headed in the right direction — something they certainly didn't have entering the game. Prior to Wednesday, the Sooners were riding a 20-game winning streak at home. Oklahoma had also won five of their past seven games.

Texas is now 4-3 in the Big 12 after starting 0-2. The Longhorns also improved to 3-5 against ranked opponents and are now tied for fourth in the Big 12.

"We knew how important this win was for us to just get our momentum back and take on the rest of the Big 12," Williams said.

# RECRUIT: Texas lands second-ranked class

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"Hicks is here because of Jeff Madden," said Texas head coach Mack Brown. "He came to camp two years ago, and we loved him. We've been recruiting him for about 2 1/2 years. He can do it all."

The two stars capped off a class that has the potential to be one of the best in recent memory on the 40 Acres.

"I'm very excited about this class," Brown said. "I've been asked, 'Is this the best class we've ever had?' It has the potential to be. It covers every position on the field, which is very hard to do. A lot of these young guys have the potential to play next year."

The 25 players in this class are some of the biggest Brown has signed in recent years. There has also been less of the drama that had become synonymous with signing day in past years (Darrell Scott, anyone?).

Texas offered 30 scholarships and 25 campus visits. Every player that came to campus signed. This was the first time Brown can remember that happening.

"Most of these young guys didn't take another visit," Brown said. "We had very little drama with them. We want to make sure they want to come. These

guys across the board hung in there. You want guys who aren't afraid of competition. They were easy; they were honest."

Along with Jeffcoat and Hicks, who were the last players to commit, the Longhorns added talent to their defense with two more athletic linebackers and five more defensive linemen. Fourteen of the 25 recruits are expected to play defense.

"We feel like all three linebackers are special players," Brown said. "They're smart, they're fast, they're confident. All three will hit you. Gives our D the ability to put some guys down and rush the passer. We're trying to find guys who can stop the run and also rush the passer."

Aaron Benson, a distant cousin of Texas legend Cedric Benson, and Tevin Jackson round out the linebacking corps and will compete with juniors Emmanuel Acho and Keenan Robinson for playing time.

There were also some additions to the offense.

Trying to make up for the loss of Jordan Shipley to graduation and Brandon Collins and Dan Buckner to legal troubles, the Longhorns signed four highly rated receivers.

Mike Davis and Darius White, both tall, explosive receivers from the Dallas-Fort

Worth area, headline the group that should make the job much easier for the two new quarterbacks on campus.

Texas lost Colt McCoy this year but welcomes his younger brother, Case, to campus. Case McCoy will compete with Connor Wood, with the loser probably taking on a redshirt and the winner putting pressure on sophomore Garrett Gilbert and senior Sherrod Harris.

"The fact Colt was here and was successful has nothing to do with us signing Case," Brown said. "There's some chance he's a better, more polished player than Colt at the same age."

Wood and Case McCoy are two of three early enrollees who will take classes and participate in spring practice.

The range of players that covers almost every position on the field (even kicker) represents one of the best classes, on paper, that Brown has put together. And on the heels of another run to a national championship game, the future of Texas looks brighter than ever.

"13-1 and No. 2 is not what you want, but we've come a long way when that's disappointing," Brown said. "The recruiting class today is a great sign that they think it's a great time to be here."

## Four-star recruits

- Mike Davis, WR**  
**6'2", 183 lbs.**  
**Dallas**

Texas lost three receivers to graduation and transfers, so Davis will have an opportunity to play right away. Scouts laud his intelligence and awareness.
- Ashton Dorsey, DL**  
**6'2", 276 lbs.**  
**Tyler, Texas**

A bit undersized for a tackle, but his athleticism could enable him to play all along the line.
- Gregory Daniels, DL**  
**6'4", 245 lbs.**  
**Houston**

Defensive end brings combination of size and athleticism and could serve as a run-stuffing end to compliment Hicks or Wilson.
- Tevin Jackson, LB**  
**6'2", 230 lbs.**  
**Garland, Texas**

Scouts project him as a run-stopping outside linebacker or a quick defensive end. Think Sergio Kindle without as much hype.
- Darius White, WR**  
**6'3", 200 lbs.**  
**Fort Worth**

Brings a dangerous combination of speed and size to the receiving corps. Could also be used as a kick returner.
- Reggie Wilson, DL**  
**6'3", 240 lbs.**  
**Haltom City, Texas**

Rivals.com compares him to former Longhorn Brian Orakpo in his hustle and potential — most importantly, the ability to pile on muscle.
- Taylor Bible, DL**  
**6'3", 300 lbs.**  
**Denton, Texas**

Only concern is recovery from a shoulder injury. He's been cleared to play again in July.
- Connor Wood, QB**  
**6'4", 209 lbs.**  
**Houston**

Already enrolled at Texas, Wood has prototypical quarterback size with great scrambling ability (4.6 40). Will get chance to be Garrett Gilbert's understudy.
- Aaron Benson, LB**  
**6'2", 205 lbs.**  
**Cedar Hill, Texas**

The quickest of Texas' linebacker recruits combines speed with hard-hitting ability.
- Carrington Byndom, DB**  
**6'0", 175 lbs.**  
**Lufkin, Texas**

Could play either cornerback or free safety.
- Demarco Cobbs, ATH**  
**6'2", 212 lbs.**  
**Tulsa, Oklahoma**

Played quarterback in high school but will likely transition into either a possession receiver or strong safety.
- Chris Jones, WR**  
**6'0", 175 lbs.**  
**Daingerfield, Texas**

Brings a lot of speed to the Longhorns (4.4 40-yard dash). Led team to state title.
- Bryant Jackson, DB**  
**6'2", 186 lbs.**  
**Sulphur Springs, Texas**

Will compete with Christian Scott and Ben Wells to replace Earl Thomas at safety.
- Adrian Phillips, DB**  
**5'11", 199 lbs.**  
**Garland, Texas**

Played quarterback in high school and will likely move to either receiver or defensive back.
- Traylon Shead, RB**  
**6'2", 210 lbs.**  
**Cayuga, Texas**

Finished high school as all-time state leader in touchdowns (141) and second in rushing yards (10,291).
- Darius Terrell, TE**  
**6'3", 215 lbs.**  
**DeSoto, Texas**

Lanky with a huge wingspan. Texas wants to use the high school receiver at tight end a la Dan Buckner.

Recruits list by Blake Hurtik  
Daily Texan Staff  
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## Three-star recruits

- A.J. White, DB**  
**5'11", 175 lbs.**  
**DeSoto, Texas**

Talented corner was recruited by Oklahoma, Notre Dame, Florida and USC. Has already enrolled.
- Case McCoy, QB**  
**6'2", 175 lbs.**  
**Graham, Texas**

The name says it all. McCoy has huge shoes to fill but won't be forced onto the field right away like his big brother. Has already enrolled.
- DeAires Cotton, DL**  
**6'4", 286 lbs.**  
**Alief, Texas**
- William Russ, P/PK**  
**6'4", 185 lbs.**  
**Shreveport, Louisiana**

# GARY: Heart problems delayed Johnson's debut

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Player of the Year and ranked as one of the top prospects in his position nationally. He was the brightest star in Texas' 2007 recruiting class and was once described by former Texas A&M coach Billy Gillispie as "a beast," someone who could completely dominate the lane.

Johnson was also a Jordan All-American, a unanimous all-state selection, a son of fortune blessed by both physical size and remarkable talent. But all of that changed in the summer of 2007 when he was diagnosed with a heart condition prior to his first collegiate season.

Doctors told him he might not play basketball ever again. Johnson was depressed and uncertain about a future that had once looked so bright.

But somehow, the work ethic that had served him so well on the court seemed to benefit him off it. After six months of tests and medication, doctors cleared Johnson to play, and he started against TCU on Jan. 2, 2008, to the tune of 5 points and five rebounds.

Johnson is no longer the timid freshman who settles for the occasional layup. He's only playing a little more than eight minutes a game, which is a source of frustration for the big man, but he has his eyes set on March and the NCAA tournament.

"It's been hard," Johnson said. "But the motivation is winning."

Nowadays, despite improve-

ments on offense, Johnson is known more for his blue-collar attitude than his shot. He described recent practices at Cooley Pavilion as "brutal," after a string of losses.

"Coach has been real tough on us," he said.

But Johnson wouldn't have it any other way. He's healthy, only taking one aspirin a day to subdue the ever-present aches caused by Division I basketball, and he's going to the hoop harder than ever.

"I've always been a blue-collar guy, but now I'm adding skill to that," Johnson said, an amused look in his eyes as if to say that everyone is finally realizing what he's known all along. "There's a sense of urgency now. It's time to win."



# FRUITFUL ENDEAVORS



Mary Kang | Daily Texan Staff

Juan Garcia picks oranges from the second-story window of his East Austin apartment while “Joey” grabs a fallen fruit as he passes by Wednesday afternoon.

## Trinity Garage sees recent slew of break-ins

By Bobby Longoria  
Daily Texan Staff

A recent string of three auto burglaries in the Trinity Garage may mean more burglaries will occur in weeks to come.

On Tuesday afternoon, a UT Police Department officer patrolling the area near the garage — located at the corner of Trinity Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard — found that a Ford Mustang had been broken into with its stereo removed. Later the same day, a UT student approached the officer and reported that her vehicle, which was also parked in the garage, had been burglarized and that the stereo had been removed. The officer then discovered that a third vehicle had been broken into with its GPS system removed.

UTPD officer William Pieper said although there is no indication that the burglaries were com-

mitted by the same individual, it is not uncommon for a suspect to commit a string of burglaries successively, either all at once or across a series of days or weeks. “Most of the parking garages at

two and they will go away.”

Pieper said the burglaries are believed to have occurred between Monday night and Tuesday at 3:10 p.m., when the patrolling officer discovered the burglarized

auto burglary, Pieper said.

Pieper said that in order to prevent an auto burglary, people should remove everything from their car so that it “looks like it was on the showroom floor.” This includes power cords and other cables that could indicate the presence of more expensive items in the car. Pieper also said even factory-installed stereo systems can be covered up by laying a beach towel across the dashboard and letting it hang over.

Since August, 10 vehicles have been burglarized in the garage with stolen items ranging from GPS devices to radar detectors to even \$2 in cash. The total value of the stolen items from the 10 incidents is \$1,902 with the estimated repair cost of each broken window at \$150. There have been a total of 14 auto burglaries across the various campus garages since August.

“Most of the parking garages at UT are rather safe garages. They are designed that way and staffed that way with implementations in place to prevent burglaries.”

— William Pieper, UTPD officer

UT are rather safe garages. They are designed that way and staffed that way with implementations in place to prevent burglaries,” Pieper said. “We will see a rash of them that occur, and we will make an arrest or

vehicles. Each stereo is estimated to be worth \$250, and the GPS system is estimated to be worth \$850.

The Trinity Garage’s proximity to a major roadway with bus stops may make it more susceptible to

## Cap Metro slated to build bus lines for busiest streets

**Proposed central routes to decrease travel times, employ signal priority**

By Aziza Musa  
Daily Texan Staff

Austin will receive \$24 million in 2011 from the U.S. Department of Transportation to construct a new line of more efficient buses that will initially run on two routes through the city’s center.

The line, MetroRapid, will extend about 38 miles and run from North Lamar Boulevard to South Congress Avenue and from Burnet Road to South Lamar Boulevard, two of the city’s busiest routes, Capital Metro officials said. Cap Metro expects the new line of buses, which are said to look like trains, to debut on the Lamar-Congress route in March 2012.

“They’re going to be sleeker, and they’re going to move a lot quicker,” Cap Metro spokeswoman Misty Whited said. “That’s why people say it looks like a train.”

MetroRapid is part of Cap Metro’s All Systems Go, a long-term transportation plan that seeks to increase transit services due to population growth. Officials estimate initial construction of the line will cost \$47 million. Congress granted the transit agency \$13.4 million in 2008, and President Barack Obama included \$24 million for the new services in his 2011 fiscal year transportation budget. The additional \$10 million will come from Cap Metro’s budget.

Whited said a large portion of the money will go toward purchasing vehicles, including buses that measure between 40 feet — the size of local-service vehicles — and 60 feet and hold approximately 100 people.

Officials estimate the new buses will decrease travel times by 20 percent and will operate every 10 minutes at peak times and every 15 minutes during off-peak hours. They will come equipped with a signal priority system

that allows buses, when they are close enough, to extend the duration of green traffic lights and to turn red lights green.

The signal priority system is not the same as the signal preemption that police officers, firefighters and EMS officials have, Whited said. She said signal priority will not have a significant impact on traffic but will simply provide quicker service.

These technological changes to Cap Metro’s MetroRapid line will not affect UT shuttles, said Blanca Juarez, Parking and Transportation Services’ alternative transportation manager. Juarez said that she thinks MetroRapid may decrease ridership in University shuttles for students who live along the specified routes.

Of the two proposed routes, the Lamar-Congress route will replace the current limited route, No. 101, but it will provide more frequent service, Whited said. It remains uncertain whether the local No. 3 bus will be replaced, but the MetroRapid will run alongside the No. 3 until a decision is made.

Benry Yip, a computer science senior, regularly rides the No. 3 and the Pickle Research Campus shuttle to get to work.

“I imagine [MetroRapid] is pretty effective,” Yip said. “But I wish they put a lot more research into having more bus routes rather than having one bus take all of the resources.”

The MetroRapid routes will intersect with local-service bus stops and will yield 70 stops of its own. These stops will provide passengers with a waiting area equipped with a real-time bus arrival — a digital display of estimated time arrivals.

“The addition of MetroRapid will provide more options for our community and help build upon an already growing multimodal system,” Cap Metro president and CEO Fred Gilliam said in a statement.

Cap Metro hopes to produce 10 MetroRapid routes within the next 20 years.

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By DAVID OUELLET

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# PHOTOS: Iconic images construct ‘major oral history’



Cornell Capa | Magnum Photos

Former President John F. Kennedy reaches his hands into a crowd while campaigning for the presidency in California in 1960.

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era,” said Jonathan Roquemore, head of brand and external relations for Magnum New York. “They would distribute special distribution prints to newspapers and magazines for publishing. The backs contain caption information, inventory keeping and photographer notes. It’s a DNA of paths that the photos would travel.”

But with the advent of the digital era and proliferation of photography, Magnum began to face problems.

According to The New York Times, Magnum will redesign itself to be more Web-based, while the center — still assessing the acquisition — plans on scanning all of the images. The exact cost of the purchase was not immediately available, but a source familiar with the transaction said the center has insured the collection for more than \$100 million.

No dates have been set for when the collection will be available, but numerous exhibitions and photographer lectures have been planned.

“I foresee many years of photographers coming here and giving lectures,” Lubell said. “I hope to create a major oral history on this archive with the photographers and the people who made this archive in the years to come.”



David Hurn | Magnum Photos

A fan recognizes Paul McCartney during the filming of “A Hard Day’s Night” in London in 1964. The Beatles film was primarily shot on a moving train.



Robert Capa | Magnum Photos

The first wave of American troops lands on Omaha Beach at dawn in June 1944 in Normandy, France.

## FIGHTER: ‘It’s definitely going to be a good fight’ in Austin

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videos and finding their weaknesses. But as Spicer and his coaches gear up for the fight, Spicer’s opponent, Sean Spencer, is doing the same.

Spencer became interested in martial arts after picking up an Ultimate Fighting Championship DVD while passing through Walmart.

“I’ve been competing in football my whole life, but I knew that wasn’t going to work out, and I just wanted a change of

sport,” Spencer said. “Since then I’ve been totally focused on trying to make it to the highest level I can.”

Spencer trains six days a week at Guy Mezger’s Combat Sports Club in Dallas, formerly known as the Lion’s Den. After rigorous training and watching a few tapes of Spicer’s previous competitions, Spencer said he is excited about coming to Austin.

“I’ve definitely been looking forward to this,” he said. “It’s definitely going to be a good fight.”

## FOOD: Local chef plans to expand dining options

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Le Cordon Bleu. He worked as a chef at both Vespaio and Pok-e-Jo’s after working as a private chef, but he always had one goal in the back of his mind.

“Owning your own restaurant is always the ultimate goal,” Konstantinidis said. “I knew I wanted to run [a restaurant] with my mother and my aunt. I look to them to make the recipes because they were taught by my grandmother and great-grandmother’s past.”

After two years of planning and a year of construction, Konstantinidis finally opened El Greco in 2007.

One restaurant competitor, who asked to remain unnamed, was skeptical of Konstantinidis’s definition of authentic Greek food.

“To me, authentic Greek food means you are eating the food in Greece and it is cultivated in Greece,” the competitor said. “On that matter, hardly anything in America is authentic unless it’s American.”

Authentic or not, Anupama Madabhushi, a UT gov-

ernment senior and former employee, said Konstantinidis was a tough but wonderful employer, even though the kitchen had its chaotic moments.

“At first, it was hard, but if you worked hard for him, he treated you with such respect and kindness,” Madabhushi said. “It wasn’t necessarily easy. They had high expectations, but Jake and his mom are super sweet and understanding.”

Konstantinidis said he has a bigger vision for the restaurant. “I want to open up a cou-

ple more restaurants,” he said. “Perhaps something along the lines of fine dining, Latin American or Caribbean food. I [also] want to open up a couple more El Grecos and [let them] become an Austin staple.”

With all of that said, Konstantinidis just wants to take care of the two women who made his dream possible — his mother and his aunt.

“I want to take care of them,” Konstantinidis said. “If it wasn’t for them, I wouldn’t be where I am today. I owe at least that much to them.”

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# UT receives historical treasure



Above, Tom Staley, director of the Harry Ransom Center, looks at the recently purchased Magnum Photos collection in a storage area of the building Wednesday afternoon. Below, the center will house the photos for viewing and exhibitions for five years. Prints from the photo collection were given to the Harry Ransom Center by Michael Dell's private investment firm.

## Harry Ransom Center acquires 20th-century photography archive

By Gerald Rich  
Daily Texan Staff

The University will serve as a host to 185,000 of some of the world's most iconic photos — ranging from Che Guevara reclining with his cigar to the Afghan girl with haunting green eyes.

In 2009, Magnum Photos — a photographic cooperative including Henri Cartier-Bresson, Robert Capa, Elliott Erwitt and Steve McCurry, to name a few — sold its press prints to MSD Capital LP, Michael Dell's private investment firm.

Press prints were made in order to circulate images to magazines and newspapers, according to a New York Times article.

Tom Staley, director of the Harry Ransom Center, said MSD then agreed to store and exhibit the work of 103 photographers at the center for the next five years to be available to scholars and students for further study.

"This is a collection unlike any other featuring the leading photographers in the world," Staley said. "It is the story of the culture. You have war, iconic figures, the battlefield and more. It is history."



In mid-December, center employees eagerly gathered as two unassuming semitrucks unloaded more than half of the 20th century in photographs. The process was photographed by Eli Reed, a UT clinical professor and photographer with Magnum Photos.

Staley said he believed the photographs would greatly enrich the University. "One of my favorite pho-

tos is of [Martin Luther King Jr.] speaking and perspiring in Georgia," Staley said. "You can feel him speaking — the fervor."

The addition promises to be one of the most important and educational in the collection.

"[The collection] multidimensional," said Mark Lubell, managing director of Magnum New York, in a video interview with the center.

"You can look at it for the content, history, art history, curatorial, anthropology or business aspects."

The distribution and printing history are included on the back of each photo. Stamps, penciled numbers and notes all tell their own story.

"The collection as a whole was from the pre-digital

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# Restaurant owner adds Greek flavor to local food scene

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Ten years ago, working as vice president in a dental management company in San Antonio, Jake Konstantinidis was burned out from his job and venturing for a change of profession. Now, he has given up teeth and instead works for the stomach, preparing Greek cuisine as the chef and owner of El Greco on Guadalupe Street.

With family recipes generated by his mother and aunt, Konstantinidis runs what he calls the only authentic Greek restaurant in Austin — a title others in the industry question but Konstantinidis says he can claim because he and his family are from Greece.

Konstantinidis spent seven years of his childhood in Germany and Greece. He would spend half the year in Munich with his summers reserved for Greece, where Konstantinidis said he learned to appreciate his culinary heritage.

"Greek cuisine focuses on food that is cooked fresh and food that is of the hour," Konstantinidis said. "Greeks see food as something that is meant to be

shared with family and friends. It is something that you are supposed to enjoy."

The enjoyment and sharing of food with family and friends is something Konstantinidis said the U.S. does not have, especially in the campus area, where everyone is always in a hurry.

After seven years in Europe, Konstantinidis's father decided to uproot the family and move to America.

"My dad wanted opportunity for his kids, and America was known as — and still is — this land of opportunity," he said.

Despite spending two years in Chicago and 20 years in New York, Konstantinidis' family never let him lose one bit of his heritage.

"After 5 p.m., we couldn't speak anything but Greek," Konstantinidis said. "If you don't speak your first language or at least write it, you lose it. [My family] didn't want me to lose my native tongue."

Deciding to pursue a change of career away from dental management, Konstantinidis moved to Austin and graduated from

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Jake Konstantinidis prepares fried calamari, a house appetizer. Konstantinidis is the owner and executive chef of El Greco, a Greek restaurant located at 31st and Guadalupe streets.

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# Book offers unique look at pre-apocalyptic world

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Modern pop culture has seen no shortage of apocalyptic stories with "The Road," "The Book of Eli" and "2012" topping recent box-office sales. While these films focus on sweeping devastation, Ron Currie Jr.'s latest novel "Everything Matters!" offers a more intimate, bitter-sweet approach to the eventual demise of the world.

"Everything Matters!" is Currie's second book. His 2007 debut novel, "God Is Dead," was well-received by critics and audiences for the writer's dark, comedic style that explored existential topics.

"Everything Matters!" is the story of Junior Thibodeau, a troubled individual who, in utero, was encoded with a disturbing fact from an anonymous, all-knowing source: When he is 36 years old, a comet will impact the earth — likely putting an end to the human race.

As the sole possessor of this knowledge, Junior, "the fourth-smartest person in the history of the world," struggles to find optimism in any aspect of his life. As a child of the '80s, not even a healthy diet of "Super Friends" and baseball cards can distract him from a sense of detachment from his peers. As a young adult, his misadventures with

his longtime girlfriend Amy — whose dog is aptly named Camus — continually muddle his sense of self.

Though Junior's knowledge of the end of the world has him constantly asking himself if anything he does truly matters, his internal struggles are matched by those who surround him. From Junior's Gifted and Talented teacher Mrs. Harris' unfulfilled dream of becoming the first female astronaut to his brother's adolescent cocaine addiction, every character in the novel is well-acquainted with tragedy.

However, in a Vonnegut-like manner, Junior's sardonic approach and attention to detail make an otherwise terse and depressing sci-fi novel a notable dose of realistic optimism.

Though Junior's less-than-captivating language may often seem too succinct, frequent shifts in narration between Junior, his alcoholic mother and his all-knowing and ambiguous advisers make for a unique writing style.

The inevitable ending to the novel may be revealed by its eighth page, but the plot and subsequent insights are far from predictable as Currie takes the reader on both a philosophical and literal journey.

Grade: B+

# Local fighter kicks, punches his way to the top

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A small audience gathered to watch two young men throw swift punches and kicks, eventually grappling on the ground in hopes of overpowering their opponent.

"I think I'm going to throw up," said Chris Spicer, gulping for air after a rigorous round of jiu-jitsu practice.

"Breathe in through your nose, out through your mouth," said a friend.

"Out through my mouth is what I'm worried about," Spicer said, resting his tall, muscular frame against a wall lined with black-chain fencing.

After training six days a week for the past five years, Spicer, 23, has set his sights on becoming successful as a professional mixed martial arts fighter. Spicer is the largest middleweight-class fighter in Texas, at 6 feet 5 inches and 185 pounds.

"Mixed martial arts is the same as what you see in the [Ultimate Fighting Championship]," Spicer said. "It's a combination of boxing, wrestling and jiu-jitsu. The key is, you want to be the biggest, strongest, fastest guy in the class."

Phil Cardella, co-owner of the Relson Gracie Jiu-Jitsu Austin Association academy — where Spicer is training for a fight scheduled at the end of February — discussed the fighter's strengths and weaknesses inside

the cage.

"At his weight, he's tough to deal with because he's so tall," Cardella said. "At 6'5", he's a monster. He punches hard, he has a rounded striking style and he challenges himself for promoters."

After boxing in high school and taking up mixed martial arts in 2004, Spicer began fighting professionally two years ago. His body shows the wear and tear that professional fighting has caused.

"I've broken my nose a few times, and I've had broken fingers and toes and ribs," he said.

"The worst was when I was training for a fight and I got a staph

infection in my spinal cord."

A purplish-brown ring calls attention to Spicer's right eye, the latest in a series of less serious wounds he has acquired during training. But no number of injuries has dampened his enthusiasm for competing. Spicer's daily schedule consists of working part-time at Allens Boots on South Congress and spending his evenings training at the Relson Gracie Jiu-Jitsu Austin Association academy.

Sticking to a strict diet throughout his training, Spicer summons an unbelievable amount of self-control in preparing for a fight.

"I just eat very, very healthy," he said with a smile. "Nothing

fried, only lean meats like venison, grilled chicken and fish because it's really good for you skin and bones. And no sweets or desserts — except pecan pie I love that stuff."

But Spicer has gone to great lengths in order to even be able to compete. In one instance he was notified only two days prior that a fight would be televised on ESPN. In order to compete in the middleweight division, Spicer had to lose 22 pounds.

"[I managed the weight loss] the wrong way," he said. "I did a lot of running, dieting and sitting in the sauna in 15-minute increments for almost three hours. But that's not the typical way I prepare for a fight at all."

The repetitive slap, slap, slap of a jump rope on a floor mat punctuates the silence in between Spicer's sentences as he warms up, alternating his feet for 30 minutes. When it comes to bad-mouthing opponents, Spicer said he tries to stay away from drama and attention-grabbing antics.

"I've never talked to an opponent in the cage while we're fighting," he said. "I don't smack talk to the media; I just try to stay humble because I'm representing the academy and my coaches."

Cardella said the hardest aspect of training is preparing for each opponent, studying



Chris Spicer prepares to spar with a friend at the Relson Gracie Jiu-Jitsu Austin Association academy in South Austin. Spicer has been fighting professionally since 2008 and is training for an upcoming mixed martial arts competition at the end of February.

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